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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yoshiaki TANAKA et al.

Serial No. 10/766,881

Filed: January 30, 2004

For: SIGNAL ENCODING APPARATUS,
SIGNAL DECODING APPARATUS,
PLAYER, AND DIGITAL SIGNAL
RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING
AREA STORING AUDIO TITLE
SET AND INFORMATION FOR
MANAGING AUDIO TITLE SET
(as amended)

Art Unit: 2627

Examiner: Psitos, Aristotelis M.

Atty Docket: 0102/0239

STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant hereby makes of record the following in light of the examiner's failure to consider the four references submitted with the IDSs filed on January 12, 2007 and January 24, 2007 as noted on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance dated April 11, 2007.

It should be noted at reference a) (WO 09715924) in fact corresponds to U.S. 5,953,290, which was cited by the examiner in the Notice of References Cited attached to the Office Action dated October 12, 2006.

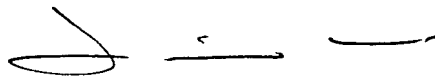
The reference b) (DVD article by Funasaka) in fact is in English and should have been considered.

As for references c) (JP 09120647) and reference d) (JP 09120645), attached to this statement are the English Abstracts of those references. Note moreover that (JP 09120647) corresponds to US 6,393,203 and US 6,151,442.

In any event, the above-noted references (and any required English translation/abstract) were submitted in the parent case of this application (now issued patent US 6,738,561) and were considered in the parent case and made of record on the front page of the '561 parent patent.

One final point, the title of the invention printed in the Notice of Allowance and the Issue Fee Transmittal form is the original title, not the title amended per requirement by the examiner. The corrected amended title for this application should be: "Signal Encoding Apparatus, Signal Decoding Apparatus, Player, and Digital Signal Recording Medium Having Area Storing Audio Title Set and Information For managing Audio Title Set". The correct title will be put on the Issue Fee Transmittal form when payment of the Issue Fee is made.

Respectfully submitted,



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